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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN-FNLA MEETING

1. I HAVE HEARD FROM A LOCAL SOURCE THAT A DELEGATION FROM THE CHIPENDA FACTION OF THE FNLA MET ON THE SOUTH WEST AFRICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER ON JUNE 20 WITH A GROUP FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICAN ASSISTANCE TO FNLA. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT I RECEIVED, SOUTH AFRICA OFFERED ARMS IN RETURN FOR FNLA ASSURANCE IT WOULD: 1) JOIN WITH UNITA TO ATTACK MPLA; 2) NOT ALLOW USE OF ANGOLA AS A STAGING BASE FOR ATTACKS ON SOUTHWEST AFRICA; AND 3) NOT ADOPT A PUBLIC POSITION OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR SWAPO. THE CHIPENDA GROUP IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID FNLA COULD NOT DO OTHER THAN TAKE A PUBLIC POSITION IN FAVOR OF SWAPO. DISCUSSIONS WERE TO CONTINUE.

2. CAN ANY ADDRESSEE THROW LIGHT ON THIS? THE STORY DOES NOT HANG TOGETHER, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN IF THERE IS SOME BASIS IN FACT FOR THE REPORT.

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